

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**DATABASE SCRIPT TRANSLATION TOOL**

A method for translating the string literals in a database script from a source language (i.e. English) into a target language (i.e. Chinese). The invention comprises a Conversion Program (CP) and a Field Expansion Program (FEP). The CP copies a database script in a source language and runs the FEP, which analyzes the database script and determines the maximum width of the fields. The user may then adjust the field length as necessary. The CP then substitutes labels for the string literals in the new database script, which creates a message file. The CP uses a pre-existing data file to translate the source language string literals into the target language string literals. The translated message file is called a label file. The CP then uses the label file to substitute the target language string literals for the labels in the database script.